

Dr. Stapleton W233 Research Essay

The research essay is your main project for the semester. Your task: to research an issue specific to your major, which might be your eventual discipline. Find out as much as you can about this problem and report on the solutions that professionals have offered to resolve it.

This means no hackneyed topics with predictable arguments, such as abortion, gun control, legalizing drugs, banning the Electoral College, &c.



Queen Katharine. Take thy lute, wench; my soul grows sad with troubles.
Act III. Scene I.

Assume your audience knows as much about this business as you do.

You'll need 6-8 reputable secondary sources, and your documentation system should be specific to your discipline, MLA or APA.

8-10 pages, double-spaced.

To facilitate your project, we'll work together in stages:

- ✚ A topic proposal rationale, due on 18 May
- ✚ A draft of your research proposal and a rhetorical analysis of a possible source, due on 25 May
- ✚ A draft of your annotated bibliography (6-8 sources), due 1 June
- ✚ Peer review of our annotated bibliography drafts 4-6 June, draft of first 2 pages of research essay **due 8 June**
- ✚ Peer review of our first 2 pages 11-13 June, first draft of entire research essay, including Works Cited page, **due 15 June**
- ✚ Peer review of first drafts 18-20 June, final versions of annotated bibliography and research essay **due 22 June**